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Federal Communication of Commission (FFC) 445 Twelfth Street SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Martin, Commissioners Adelstein, Copps, McDowell, and Tate:

Relay services are extremely important to me. Relay services connect people who use telephones with people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or who have a speech disability, using telecommunications devices such as a TTY, videophones and computers. With relay services, I can make and receive calls when I am home. I use relay services when I call to make appointments, order foods at restaurants, chat with family and friends, and take care of business every day.

I support the comments filed by the National Association of the Deaf (NAD), Telecommuniations for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc. (TDI) and other associations such as Late-Deafened Adults, Inc.

The FCC needs to expand the role of the Telecommunications Relay Service Fund Advisory Council in the rate setting process. The Advisory Council in the rate setting process. The Advisory Council which has representatives from the deaf and hard of hearing community among its members, needs access to information about relay services costs and rates to study the issue and make a reommendation, before the FCC takes action.

When the FCC sets new rates for relay services, those rates should pay relay service prociders fairly and cover all reasonable expenses, including outreach, marketing, research, and development. Rates set too low do not serve the deaf and hard of hearing community or the hearing public. Rates set too low will reduce the visibility, reliability, and availability of existing and future relay services. Do not let us, the deaf and hard of hearing, suffer. Again, I tell you that relay services are an extremely important part of my daily life.

Will you please support relay services. Set raises that will make relay services functionally equivalent to voice telephone service.

Sincerely,

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